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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the time for response to the Office Action dated October 24, 2000, be extended for a period of five month(s) from November 23, 2001 to and including April 23, 2002.

The fee for this extension is estimated to be \$980.00 (small entity). Please charge the required fee to Pennie & Edmonds LLP Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

Date April 23, 2002

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